



## Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality

### Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023

#### ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Jo Clay MLA:

Addressed to: Minister for Economic Development

In relation to: CMTEDD Procurement

1. Which procurements since FY 2020/21 over \$25,000 were provided with a single source justification?
2. Which procurements since FY2020/21 over \$25,000 were extended twice or more without inviting alternative suppliers to bid and/or quote for their products or services?

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The below table lists the goods or services procured under the portfolio of the Minister for Economic Development by financial year, since financial year 2020/2021. The list includes procurements processed via single select (single source justification) with a GST-inclusive value over \$25,000.

Financial Year	Title/Description	Supplier	Rationale for single select	Contract amount (GST excl) except where otherwise indicated
2020 - 21	Development of an Investment Attraction Strategy for the Territory and capability building	Brickfielder Insights Pty Ltd  Canberra based	Exemption from seeking three quotes agreed. One supplier was identified with specialist knowledge for the work required.  A Request For Quotation (RFQ) was sought and assessed for suitability and value for money.	\$97,900
2020 - 21	Development of the Canberra Cyber Cluster Phase One	Emmicom Pty Ltd  Canberra based	Exemption from seeking three quotes agreed. One supplier was identified with specialist knowledge for the work required.  A RFQ was sought and assessed for suitability and value for money.	\$138,000

2021 - 22	SmartyGrants ICT system for Economic Development Grant Program administration-Licence renewal	Our Community Pty Ltd	Exemption from seeking three quotes agreed. This is a business-critical system. Findings of an internal audit of grants management identified the benefits of retaining the existing grants management system and historical data. One supplier was identified with specialist knowledge for the work required. RFQ sought and assessed for suitability and value for money.	\$42,000 (GST Inc)
2021/2022	Business Support Grants Contractor for Small Business Hardship Scheme	KPMG	KPMG was engaged to deliver general and financial assessment services for the Business Support Grants (BSG) through a competitive request for quotation process completed in September 2021. Exemption from seeking three quotes was agreed to extend the existing arrangements with KPMG to deliver general and financial assessment services for the Small Business Hardship Scheme that opened on 15 November 2021. Exemption was sought due to the supplier's specialist knowledge for the service sought and timeframes required to deliver the service	\$1.35 million
2022/23	SmartyGrants ICT system for Economic Development Grant Program administration-Licence renewal	Our Community Pty Ltd	Exemption from seeking three quotes agreed. This is a business-critical system. Economic Development administers 35 grants programs on the Smartygrants platform. The supplier was identified as having specialist knowledge for the work required. An RFQ was sought and assessed for suitability and value for money.	\$46,250 (GST Inc)

2. There have not been any goods or services procured under the portfolio of the Minister for Economic Development since financial year 2020/2021 over \$25,000 that were extended twice or more without inviting alternative suppliers to bid and/or quote for their products or services.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality

Signature: 

Date: **8.12.23**

By the Minister for Economic Development, Andrew Barr MLA